

GENERAL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Program: ESLG
Credential: Recognition of Achievement
Delivery: Full-time + Part-time
Length: 2 Semesters
Duration: 1 Year
Effective: Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Summer 2026
Location: Barrie

Description

This program helps you prepare for success in general English. You participate in introductory level English language courses in reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary, while also focusing on essential skills for success. Language learning is facilitated through classroom and technology-assisted learning, and an exploration of Canadian and intercultural contexts through everyday situations. You learn through group work, discussions, and experiential learning outside the classroom.

Career Opportunities

While most students choose General ESL courses as a pathway to English for Academic Purposes (EAP), some graduates of the program may find employment in occupations requiring intermediate English language skills. Many graduates also transfer their acquired English language skills to career advancement and opportunities in other countries.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. use thinking, and self-management skills to complete tasks of a personal and academic nature;
2. employ English language in common written tasks;
3. comprehend information presented in a variety of forms;
4. use functional language in everyday interactions.

Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2025
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2026

Winter Intake

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2026
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2026

Summer Intake

- **Sem 1:** Summer 2026
- **Sem 2:** Fall 2026

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent

Additional Information

All incoming students will be required to take a Georgian College English for Academic Purposes placement test during orientation to determine appropriate level of study. Students may also submit TOEIC (only public tests will be accepted), IELTS, or TOEFL results to be used to determine placement. These scores must be received by Georgian College before the start of the semester. See below for scores required for direct entry using IELTS or TOEFL.

IELTS (academic) for direct entry to Georgian College ESL

| Overall IELTS Score | Writing and Speaking Requirements Minimums | Georgian College EAPC Entry Level |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 4.0-4.5 | 4.5 | 4 |
| 3.5 | 4.0 | 3 |
| 3.0 | 3.5 | 2 |
| 2.5 | 3.0 | 1 |

TOEFL for direct entry to Georgian College ESL

| Overall TOEFL Score | Writing Requirement Minimum | Speaking Requirement Minimum | Georgian College EAPC Entry Level |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 26-30 | 8 | 11 | 4 |
| 19-25 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 10-18 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| 0-9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1 |

Graduation Requirements

- 4 Program Courses: Level 1
- 4 Program Courses: Level 2
- 4 Program Courses: Level 3
- 4 Program Courses: Level 4

Graduation Eligibility

Students must successfully complete all required courses as noted below. Further details, if applicable, are noted under "Additional Information" above.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

| Semester 1 | | Hours |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Program Courses - Level 1 | | |
| ESLG 0101 | Writing and Grammar 1 | 42 |
| ESLG 0102 | Speaking and Listening 1 | 42 |
| ESLG 0103 | Reading and Vocabulary 1 | 42 |
| ESLG 0104 | Survival English | 28 |
| Program Courses - Level 2 | | |
| ESLG 0201 | Writing and Grammar 2 | 42 |
| ESLG 0202 | Speaking and Listening 2 | 42 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| ESLG 0203 | Reading and Vocabulary 2 | 42 |
| ESLG 0204 | Social English | 28 |
| Hours | | 308 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| Program Courses - Level 3 | | |
| ESLG 0301 | Writing and Grammar 3 | 42 |
| ESLG 0302 | Speaking and Listening 3 | 42 |
| ESLG 0303 | Reading and Vocabulary 3 | 42 |
| ESLG 0304 | Canadian Culture | 28 |
| Program Courses - Level 4 | | |
| ESLG 0401 | Writing and Grammar 4 | 42 |
| ESLG 0402 | Speaking and Listening 4 | 42 |
| ESLG 0403 | Reading and Vocabulary 4 | 42 |
| ESLG 0404 | Introduction to Digital Media | 28 |
| Hours | | 308 |
| Total Hours | | 616 |

Graduation Window

Students registered in part-time studies programs must maintain continuous registration in order to complete the program according to the curriculum in place at the time they were admitted. Students who do not remain continuously registered must be readmitted to the program and follow the new curriculum.

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